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Mr. John R. Price, Jr.
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Dear John:

I want to thank you for your very kind note of April 15, 1986. I must say the only aspect of this new position that I find daunting is the thought of walking in Bob Inman's shoes.

I would like to see you again. Since dinner seems to be difficult to arrange, I would like the opportunity to have you out here for lunch. The next time you know you are going to be in Washington, please give me a call so we can arrange something. If we also can arrange a dinner at some point, so much the better.

Again, thanks for your thoughtful note.

Regards,



Robert M. Gates

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Mr. Robert M. Gates
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Dear Bob:

What wonderful news! I was absolutely delighted to read of the action by the Senate Intelligence Committee on your nomination. It is a promotion which is tremendously well deserved by you and my warm congratulations to you and Becky. I know that your many friends share my attitude and wish you complete success in your new role.

I had had a late evening drink with Bob Imman a few months ago and, as always, when I am with him I think of you as well.

I had tried once or twice last year to schedule another dinner date through Becky, but our respective travel plans never meshed at the right time. I will make another effort soon and hope to congratulate you personally.

Again, best wishes.

Sincerely,

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